

the plurality of players is provided a prize upon accumulating a predetermined number of bonus points, the device comprising:

a plurality of player interface units, each of the plurality of player interface units associated with one from the plurality of players, and each of the plurality of player interface units including a display element to display the number of bonus points accumulated by the associated player; and

a controller operatively coupled to each of the plurality of player interface units, the controller controlling the display element of each of the plurality of player interface units.--

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--45. (Newly added) The device of claim 44, wherein the occurrence of the at least one bonus event comprises a random event occurring in the primary game, the random event occurring regularly during play of the primary game, and wherein providing the option for one from the plurality of players to receive a bonus point in the auxiliary game comprises providing the one from the plurality of players an option to select to advance at least one tier in the auxiliary game.--

--46. (Newly added) The device of claim 23, wherein dealing the plurality of cards includes dealing a plurality of hands of cards sequentially to each of the plurality of players as the card game is played, and wherein the at least one card game bonus event is capable of occurring in non-sequential hands.—

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--47. (Newly added) The method of claim 22, wherein the auxiliary game includes a plurality of player interface units, each of the plurality of interface units including a display element to display the player bonus level for each of the plurality of players, further comprising:

displaying the player bonus level.—

REMARKS

Further reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

By the foregoing supplemental amendment, new claims 44-47 have been added. Thus, claims 22-47 are currently pending.

Further supplemental to Applicants Amendment submitted May 7, 1999, Applicants respectfully submit that newly added independent claim 44 is patentable over the prior art of record, at least because claim 44 relates to a device for playing a game on a gaming table in conjunction with playing an auxiliary game, the auxiliary game providing an option for a player to optionally select to receive a bonus point in the auxiliary game. Applicants respectfully submit that none of these features is either taught or suggested by Forte et al. or Baerlocher et al. or by the combination of these references.

Likewise, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 45, which depends from claim 44, is patentable over the prior art of record. Claim 45 provides for the bonus event to occur upon a regularly occurring random event occurring in the primary game.